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MENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A program guiding apparatus comprising:

a program adding device for adding desired programs;

a program scheduling device for scheduling programs to be received; and

a display device for displaying information about said added programs that are favorite

ones for a user and information about said scheduled programs to be viewed or recorded for the

user while arranged in a single two-dimensional program guide screen at locations corresponding

to respective time slots along a same time axis,

wherein a first program of said added programs and said scheduled programs has a higher priority than a second program of said added programs and said scheduled programs, and

wherein, when the first program contends in a same time slot of the second program, said display device display displays a first break mark at a first end of the first program to indicate that the first program overlaps a first portion of the second program.

2. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said program scheduling device schedules programs selected from said programs added by said program adding device.

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- 3. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said twodimensional program guide screen includes a first area for displaying said information about said
 added programs and a second area for displaying said information about said scheduled
 programs, said first and second areas being displayed while distinguished from each other.
- 4. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said program adding device and said program scheduling device allows a plurality of programs to be added, said plurality of programs contending in whole or part of a time slot; and even if a plurality of said added programs or said scheduled programs contend in whole or part of said time slot, said display device displays information about each of said contending programs in said two-dimensional program guide screen in a visually recognizable manner.
- 5. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said two-dimensional program guide screen includes areas corresponding to entry types, and displays said information about said added programs in a corresponding one of said areas.
- 6. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 5, wherein each of said entry types is dedicated to a different user.
 - 7. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said

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information about said programs displayed while arranged in said two-dimensional program guide screen is moved in a visually recognizable manner to change said added programs to said scheduled programs and said scheduled programs to said added programs.

- 8. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if said information about said added programs contends with said information about said scheduled programs in whole or part of a time slot, said information about said added programs and said information about said scheduled programs, which are displayed while arranged in said two-dimensional program guide screen, are exchanged in a visually recognizable manner to change said added programs to said scheduled programs and said scheduled programs to said added programs.
- 9. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if said information about said added programs contends with said information about said scheduled programs in whole or part of a time slot, said information about said added programs is combined with said information about said scheduled programs, both of which are displayed while arranged in said two-dimensional program guide screen, in a visually recognizable manner to change said added programs to said scheduled programs.
- 10. (original): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said programs are added via a two-dimensional program guide including a time axis and a channel axis for displaying a plurality items of program information.

11. (currently amended): A program guiding method comprising the processes of: adding desired programs;

scheduling programs to be received;

displaying information about said added programs that are favorite ones for a user and information about said scheduled programs to be viewed or recorded for the user while arranged in a single two-dimensional program guide screen at locations corresponding to respective time slots along a same time axis, wherein a first program of said added programs and said scheduled programs has a higher priority than a second program of said added programs and said scheduled programs; and

when the first program contends in a same time slot of the second program, displaying a first break mark at a first end of the first program to indicate that the first program overlaps a first portion of the second program.

12. (previously presented): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said added programs and said scheduled programs comprise a first favorite program and a second favorite program,

wherein the first favorite program and the second favorite program contend in the same time slot, and

wherein said display device displays the first favorite program and the second favorite program in a single row and displays slants that inform a user that the first favorite program contends with the second favorite program.

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13. (previously presented): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first end of the first program comprises a beginning of the first program,

wherein the first portion of the second program is transmitted after the beginning of the first program, and

wherein the first break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the first portion of the second program that is transmitted after the beginning of the first program.

14. (previously presented): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first end of the first program comprises a ending of the first program,

wherein the first portion of the second program is transmitted before the ending of the first program, and

wherein the first break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the first portion of the second program that is transmitted before the ending of the first program.

15. (previously presented): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein said display device display a second break mark at an ending of the first program to indicate that the first program overlaps a second portion of the second program,

wherein the second portion of the second program is transmitted before the ending of the first program, and

wherein the second break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the second portion of the second program that is transmitted before the ending of the first program.

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16. (previously presented): The program guiding method according to claim 11, wherein the first end of the first program comprises a beginning of the first program,

wherein the first portion of the second program is transmitted after the beginning of the first program, and

wherein the first break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the first portion of the second program that is transmitted after the beginning of the first program.

17. (previously presented): The program guiding method according to claim 11, wherein the first end of the first program comprises a ending of the first program,

wherein the first portion of the second program is transmitted before the ending of the first program, and

wherein the first break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the first portion of the second program that is transmitted before the ending of the first program.

18. (previously presented): The program guiding method according to claim 16, further comprising:

displaying a second break mark at an ending of the first program to indicate that the first program overlaps a second portion of the second program,

wherein the second portion of the second program is transmitted before the ending of the first program, and

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wherein the second break mark indicates that the first program overlaps the second portion of the second program that is transmitted before the ending of the first program.

- 19. (new): The program guiding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display device displays the first break mark at the first end of the first program without adjusting a viewing time at which the time slot of the second program indicates that the second program is to be viewed.
- 20. (new): The program guiding method according to claim 11, wherein the first break mark is displayed at the first end of the first program without adjusting a viewing time at which the time slot of the second program indicates that the second program is to be viewed.